

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 6, 12 and 20 are allowed. Claim 4, 5, 7-11 and 13-15 are objected to. Claims 1, 3, 16-19 and 21 are rejected.

Claims 5, 7-11 and 13-15 are objected to because of the following informalities: the abbreviation "CMP" must be spelled out.

Claim 4 is objected to because "andmercaptoundecanoic" should be spelled --and mercaptoundecanoic--. The subject matter of claim 4, which has now been incorporated into claim 1, has been amended to correct this misspelling.

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the language of claim 4 so that claim 1 is now in allowable form.

Claims 5-15 and 20 have been allowed.

Independent claims 16 and 21 have been amended so that the sensitive substance now further comprises the additional components of allowable claim 4, i.e., dibutyl phthalate, a mixture of benzene and ethanol, ethyl acetate, and mercaptoundecanoic acid. Therefore, amended independent claims 16 and 21 are now in allowable form, as are claims 17 and 18 which are dependent from independent claim 16.

Claims 1, 3, 16-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagao Nobuaki (English language abstract and machine translation of Japanese Patent document 09-210975) in view of Cozzette, et al. (U.S. Patent 5,837,446) and Tate (U.S. Patent 3,938,263). Claims 1, 3, 16-19 and 21 are in allowable form for the reasons set forth above.

Certain minor typographical errors in claims 7, 9, 11 and 13 have been corrected.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-21 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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